

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Cuba--
missiles

a. Photography from yesterday's reconnaissance gives us no clue to the whereabouts of the dismantled missiles. Nor did it turn up anything conclusive on preparations for their shipment out of Cuba.

b. Some missile equipment is assembled in the harbor area at Mariel near Havana where three Soviet cargo ships are docked. We are as yet unable to say, however, whether the equipment is being loaded or unloaded.

c. No signs of outshipments were observed at the port of Punta Gerardo, 25 miles east of Havana.

d. At San Julian airfield, near the western tip of Cuba, work on the assembly of IL-28s is going forward. Two of these aircraft now appear to be operational, and five others will be as soon as their engines are installed. The fuselages of two more were uncrated between Thursday and yesterday.

2. Cuba

a. Havana is leaving no stone unturned in the search for support of Castro's five points as the basis for negotiations in the UN.

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[REDACTED] A big
pitch is being made to line up Asian
and African neutrals.

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c. By way of follow-up to
Castro's speech on Thursday, Havana
radio is telling the Cuban people that
they should "feel proud to have a son
like Fidel Castro, who yesterday gave a
beautiful demonstration of a revolution-
ary, a humanist, and high-level poli-
tician." [REDACTED]

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3. USSR-Cuba

a. We have received no inkling of
how Mikoyan and Castro are getting a-
long.

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b. Moscow broadcast to the Soviet
people a terse, factual report of the
President's statement last evening.

c. Otherwise, Moscow's propaganda
coverage of the Cuban crisis, sharply
reduced since the beginning of this week,
has harped on the alleged need for "con-
crete US moves" beyond oral assurances
that there will be no invasion of Cuba.

d. All that Castro's speech on
Thursday got was a brief Tass note
which made no mention of his refusal
to permit international verification of
the removal of Soviet missiles.

4. Bloc military posture

a. The general stand-down of activity holds. Our information indicates that military commands which have been on standby alert are returning to routine training status, and that personnel held on duty beyond their normal tours will soon be released.

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5. Bloc shipping

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6. Cuba-
Latin America

a. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] sentiment to place Castro beyond the pale is gaining ground where it counts the most. [REDACTED]

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b. Chile seems to be on the same road. Two of the three parties in the government are on record in favor of breaking relations with Havana; the third is expected to make it unanimous next week.

c. The OAS seems to be headed for trouble on Monday when it meets to consider an Argentine resolution for a coordinated effort by those states putting up military forces to help quarantine Cuba. At least five countries, Mexico and Chile included, noting that the resolution points something of an accusing finger at countries not contributing, are likely to turn thumbs down on the idea.

7. India -
China -
Pakistan

a. The Indians anticipate a new Chinese offensive in the northeast sector aimed at securing the northern approaches to the Se La pass.

b. If this comes off, the Chinese may be in for an unexpectedly stiff scrap. Indian forces in the area have been beefed up to where they are just about equal in numbers to the Chinese.

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c. Meanwhile, the Indian Communists, who have come out four square for Nehru government in the present crisis, find themselves for the first time at loggerheads with both Moscow and Peiping. Moscow has not yet reacted, but Peiping is heaping scorn upon the Indian "comrades."

d. Uncertain of getting "fullest support," India has passed the word it will not put its troubles with China before the UN.

e. New Delhi yesterday cancelled the Bank of China's license to do business in India.

f. Ambassador McConaughy has an appointment with Ayub on Monday. He is bound to hear some strong talk about the need for the US to keep the India-Pakistan balance of power on an even keel.

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NOTES

A. Laos Souvanna, who at last report is spending the weekend in the Plaine des Jarres, plans to fly north to Phong Saly on Tuesday. There he will try to put an end to a festering squabble within the neutralist camp that has been letting the Pathet Lao seep into areas where it had been previously excluded. [REDACTED]

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B. UN/Congo The UN will be breathing easier about its Congo operations now that it has New Delhi's assurance that the Indian contingent there will not be suddenly withdrawn.

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D. Communist China [REDACTED] Chinese Communist ambassadors have now gone home, a record number to be in Peiping at one time. We are unable to perceive any particular pattern in the movements of the ambassadors, but it would seem that something more than routine consultations is going on.

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E. Oman Britain's perennial headache in trying to keep the peace in the lower Persian Gulf area may become more acute before long. Omani rebels, at one time or another the beneficiaries of the largesse of practically every Arab country, will soon be getting a substantial quantity of land mines and ammunition [redacted] The sinking of a British ship in the gulf last year with the loss of several hundred lives is a measure of what they can do with this sort of gear. [redacted]

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F. Angola Rumblings of discontent with the way Lisbon has been running things are becoming more audible within the Portuguese community. There is some talk of getting up a move for secession. Nothing so drastic as that is likely to get off the ground any time soon, but word of unrest among the whites seems to have drifted back to Portugal where it may cost Overseas Minister Moreira his job.